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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed December 11, 1980, in respect of the above-identified application, Applicant elects the species depicted in FIGURES 11 and 12. It is considered that Claims 1, 14 and 15, and 16-18 are generic to the various species shown. In addition to the generic claims, it is believed that Claims 2-6 and 11-13 are readable on the elected species.

It is believed that the generic claims are allowable and accordingly it is believed that claims to the reasonable number of species disclosed in the application should be permitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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